

**MEETING MINUTES
COLOR & LIGHT SOCIETY
AUGUST 5, 2026**

Members in Attendance: 18

Cindy Martin-Brennan
Linda Talton
Susan Jones Knight
Brandy Blackstone
Elizabeth Bygler
Pat McGrath
Sigrid Stiles
Marianna Nystrom
Gail Chenevey
Barbara Hak

Pamela Callen
Larry Langfeldt
Ted Catchings
Diane Preus
Theresa Ford
David Hoffman
Jeannine Finnacom
Linda Sanborn

The meeting was called to order by Dick Preston. Members gathered in the main dining room of Mac's Tap and Table for lunch. The Member Show was set up in the regular meeting room for viewing after the business meeting and lunch.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance of \$5,682.66

Fenwick Inn Art Show:

Brandy reported on the success of the show. She noted that Donna is selling the Inn and has arranged for the new owners to accommodate our activities there for next year.

Dragon Boat Race:

Brandy reviewed the activities to be conducted by our group which include a kid's dragon boat craft and a paint-a-long next to the main activity. Linda Craven will conduct the paint-a-long and plans will be made to display the result at a time in the future. Volunteers should contact Brandy for this August 22 event.

St. Mary's County Arts Council:

Barb advised that drop off dates for our show there are October 14-24. Individuals participating are to go to SMCAC website and sign up for their drop off day and time. Pick up of unsold items will be the week after the show closing. The exhibit will be for the entire month of November. She suggested each member could show two 12x16 or one 20x16; or 2 medium and 1 small pieces.

Show Ready Committee (SRC):

Gail advised the next review will be at her home at 10:00 a.m. on August 19. Jeannine introduced David Hoffman who would like to be considered for the jurying process.

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Artsfest:

Linda S. informed members that detailed e-mails have been sent to the current participating members. One booth is reserved and will accommodate those currently signed up. We are still on the waitlist for a second booth. If you are interested in being on a list to participate in the event if a second booth is secured, contact Linda Sanborn. She suggests each artist bring 5 pieces. She will check on the possibility of demos.

U. S. Oyster Festival:

A representative of the festival, Barbara Sapato, presented the festival to the group including past festival history, projected attendance of 10,000, their vision to include fine arts, and the fact that 100% of the proceeds from the festival support the Rotary Club fund raising efforts. She reviewed past experiences, stressed their efforts for increased visibility and suggested that vendors that offer a range of prices seem to do well.

She suggests offering our group a 20'x25' center area space in Tolerance Hall. The retail value of that size is \$690. She indicated that they are willing to negotiate on a price structure if we should want to move forward with a club booth. Sponsored activities are welcome additions to the festival. Event dates are October 17-18.

Portrait Gallery Trip:

Linda Talton requested that members contact her if they are interested in this activity. No firm date has been established at this point other than it would be in October. She needs to know if there is enough interest in this activity in order to move it forward.

Plein Air Opportunity:

Sigrid invited members to come and paint the sunflowers in bloom or take photographs. They are in full bloom at the present time. Let her know if you are interested in doing so.

Green Spring Gardens 2027 show:

Jeannine requested participants to meet with her following lunch to share insights from her recent visit there.

The business meeting was adjourned. Following lunch the members viewed the artworks and enjoyed learning more about the art from the artists.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Preus

